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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Planulina 1-2 Zone, Reservoir A, and Planulina 3  
Zone, Reservoir A, BACK RIDGE FIELD, Cameron  
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MANTI OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Planulina 1-2 Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Planulina 3 Zone, Reservoir A, all in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the unit created by Office of Conservation Order No. 1249-C, effective August 5, 2003, and designated PLAN 1-3 RA SUA, and to simultaneously therewith establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 1-2 Zone, Reservoir A, and a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 3 Zone, Reservoir A, such units being designated PLAN 1-2 RA SUA and PLAN 3 RA SUA, and being shown on the attached plats.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, each of the proposed units as may be appropriate.

4. To provide that future wells drilled to either of these zones outside of the units proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E (LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq).

5. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate unit well for PLAN 1-2 RA SUA or PLAN 3 RA SUA be exempt from the well location provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E (LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq.).

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify either of the zones by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.

7. To define the Planulina 1-2 Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 11,088' and 11,377' (11,081' and 11,370' TVD) in the Manti Operating Company--Henry No. 1 Well, located in Section 22, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

8. To define the Planulina 3 Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 11,377' and 11,631' (11,370' and 11,623' TVD) in the Manti Operating Company--Henry No. 1 Well, located in Section 22, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Comeaux at (337) 233-9839 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

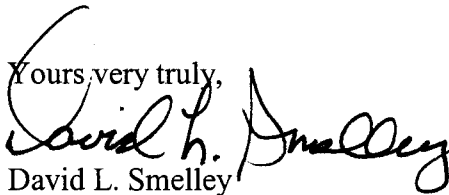
Applicant has heretofore received from you a waiver of the pre-application notice requirements and Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure effective October 11, 1983; and, therefore, Applicant has not considered such requirements applicable.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats is enclosed herewith and a copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. If any of these parties desire to confer with Applicant concerning these proposals, they are hereby notified that a conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. on March 22, 2005, at the Marriott Hotel, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT ANY PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. This is merely an invitation to attend and participate if you so desire.

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Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Back Ridge Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Manti Operating Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



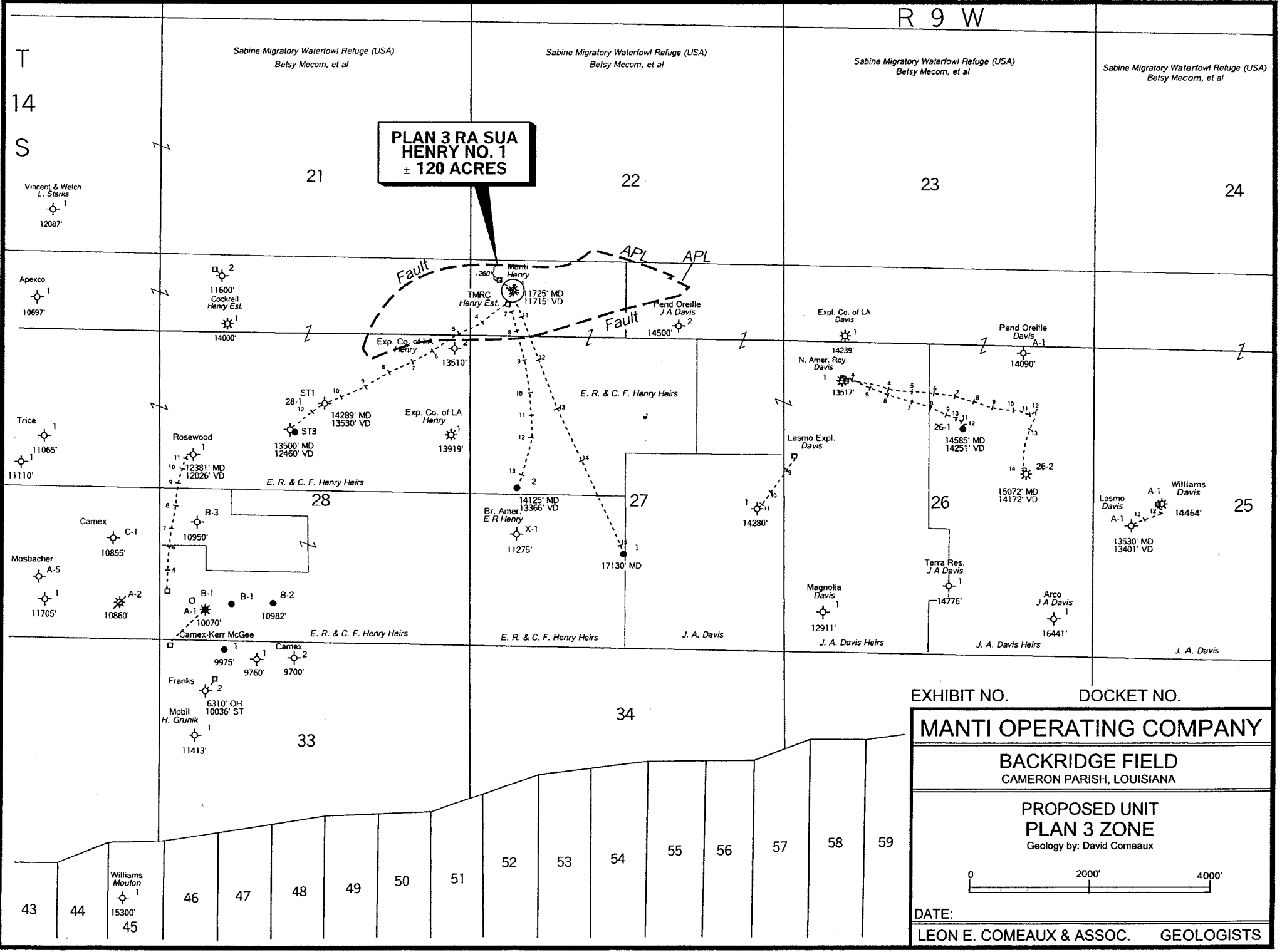


EXHIBIT NO.      DOCKET NO.

**MANTI OPERATING COMPANY**

BACKRIDGE FIELD  
CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
**PLAN 3 ZONE**  
Geology by: David Comeaux

0      2000'      4000'

DATE:

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC.      GEOLOGISTS